

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-10, 12, and 13 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 1-10, 12, and 13 are sought to be amended. Claim 11 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended by adding the reference to prior applications. No new matter has been added into the specification by this amendment.

Claims 1-10, 12, and 13 have been amended to better conform with U.S. practice and to correct typographical errors. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. Specifically, support for the amendments to claim 10 is found, *inter alia*, at page 15, Example No. I-4 of the specification as filed, and in claims 5 and 9 as originally filed.

The entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

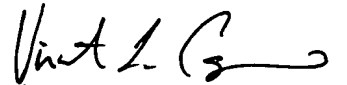
Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for examination and allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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